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## Aboriginal Remains In Pocahontas County

By Dr. N. R. Price

Taken from a January 11, 1912 issue of The Pocahontas Times.

As stated in my former letter I have been an investigator of aboriginal remains in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and have made a collection of several thousand fine specimens of Indian stone relics. These investigations and collections have extended over a period of twenty-five years, during which time I have visited every part of the County where camping sites were reported to exist, and have visited nearly every earth work or mound.

My observations and the traditional history of early settlers of this region led me to believe that there were no permanent settlements in this part, that is to say that the region was visited by Indians only in their migratory fashion, or perhaps at certain seasons for the fine hunting and fishing that was had here, and which is still a favorite resort of hunters of the white race. The larger articles and cooking utensils that mark the more permanent camp sites in other localities, as in the region of the Chesapeake Bay, and along the Ohio River are almost entirely lacking here. The campsites are usually well marked by the presence of numerous arrows finished and unbroken and broken; beds of arrowheads and arrow shafts if near the river, and the presence of cut river rocks of some sort that bear best well, that are used on both sides, presumably to allow of handling, and have been used in the crude manner that prevailed with the primitive people. These camping grounds may be located on a high ground or at or near the junction of some stream with the Greenbrier River, the principal river that rises in the eastern part of the state.

Pocahontas County has the reputation of having the greatest elevation of any county in the state, and giving rise to the highest mountains of the Greenbrier, the Elk, Cheat, Williams, and Cranberry, Gauley and other ranges of the Appalachian Mountains.

the crooked fork of Elk River. The valley of Knapps Creek was followed to the junction with Douthards Creek fourteen miles to the crossing of the main Allegheny range to the waters of Jackson's River in Bath County, Virginia. All of these are today main highways of travel, and within historical times armed bands of marauding Indians from the Ohio country have been pursued by the avenging pioneers of the Valley and Augusta, Virginia. The other great highway for the aborigines in crossing to the Ohio from what now constitutes the State of Virginia was to follow the valleys of the New and Kanawha Rivers, about seventy miles to the south.

At Marlinton there are numerous evidences of long occupancy. Within a few hundred yards of the courthouse there is a mound of considerable dimensions, although about obliterated by the plow. Within the memory of persons now living it was about ten feet in height. Another mound of earth and stone is situated in the bottom lands near the river, and near the residence of Mr. C. W. Price. From this mound were removed within the past year the remains of at least seven adult skeletons. These had been buried in a manner that indicated that all the bodies had been thrown together and earth heaped on them, or else at some time the skeletons had been disturbed, and afterwards returned to the mound and covered up. There is no record of the mound having been disturbed, except on the surface by the erosive effect of the cultivation of the soil in the surrounding fields, and the skeletons were discovered in an accidental manner by workmen laying a watermain. Some of the bones thrown out at that time I have in my possession, and indicate adult males in the prime of life. Early tradition has it that a battle was fought at this point between the Indians and that the dead were buried in this mound. It may be that the bones were disturbed in the mound at an early date in the settlement of the country by the whites and the tradition grew out of the fact that so many skeletons were found together in one burial place. My paternal great grand

It is certain that early settlers regarded them as entirely the work of the Indian tribes then in possession of the country, or their immediate forbears, as the word "Indian mound," in general use even to this day, sufficiently proves.

My only opinion is that the Indians as known to historic times were in the habit of throwing up mounds, generally in the neighborhood of their camps, to commemorate some special occasion, as the death of a number of men in battle, or the grave of a distinguished man in the tribe. However, I do not remember to have read that any of the mounds of which I have heard were freshly built at the time of their discovery by the whites. On the contrary, all of which there is any record of early discovery bore the signs of great antiquity, being covered with an ancient growth of forest trees.

A large mound four miles below Marlinton on the top of a high hill, in the primeval forest, has never been disturbed except for a hole sunk from the top about six feet to the level of the surrounding earth, at which depth a thick layer of ashes was found. A very large oak growing on this mound was uprooted many years ago, and tore away a part of one side. This mound is composed of earth and stones, all the stones having been conveyed a distance of several hundred feet, as there is none in the immediate vicinity of the mound. There is probably thirty or forty tons of loose rock in this mound. It is near the mouth of Swago Creek and many relics and other signs of occupancy have been noted in the fields near this mound and in the region surrounding.

At Clover Lick, on the Warwick estate, there are several mounds of the usual form and size. These are at the mouth of Clover Creek, and was a famous resort for Indians, a trail leading from Clover Creek valley through the Rider Gap and Big Spring Gap to the waters of Old Field Fork and Big Spring Fork of Elk River, respectively. One of these mounds was opened about one hundred years ago by the late Jacob Warwick, a first settler, an Indian fighter who was at the battle of Point Pleasant, 1774, a veteran of the Revolu-

A small mound of earth and stone at the mouth of Locust Creek was visited by the writer a few years ago. A short time before a skeleton had been discovered in this mound but no other relics. There are a few mounds in the vicinity of Dunmore and Green Bank in the upper part of Pocahontas County, but the writer has never seen them.

There is no evidence that the Indians traveled far into what was a dense forest back from the Greenbrier River and its branches and tributaries. In fact in the fields that have in late years been cleared and cultivated on the uplands and higher mountains only rarely are the arrow points discovered, such as might have been lost in the chase, while nearly every field on the low lands is thickly strewn with these evidences of early occupancy, and at some of camp sites mentioned thousands of arrow points and other relics have been collected after the plowing of the fields, and the soil continues to yield an apparently undiminished supply to those who care to look for them.

Flint, the usual material for the manufacture of arrow points and spear heads is native to the limestone formation of the county, and several beds are known to have been worked. One on the headwaters of Stony Creek, another on Stamping Creek. In the vicinity of both these beds there is evidence of camp sites, and stone relics are numerous. The public road leading to the head of Stony Creek cuts through a mound about one hundred yards from the ledge of flint, on the lands of James Sharp.

On the Crooked Fork of Elk River on the lands of Robert Gibson there is an "Indian Ring," about 300 feet in diameter, formed by a sort of wire grass. This phenomenon is well marked and appears whenever the field is in grass, for more than fifty years since the spot was cleared of a dense growth of timber and laurel. There is no evidence that this has any connection with Indian remains, but has been a marvel for half a century. It is well marked even in a small photograph made from a slight elevation and of which I enclose

## Dunmore Community Center

Next time you drive by Dunmore Community, notice how nice the community center is beginning to look. The latest improvement has been installing some new windows and replacing all broken and damaged window panes. The sponsoring group for this project was the Dunmore Home Demonstration Club.

This may sound like a simple procedure, not so! The windows happen to be over-size, and it seemed for a time that the new sash would have to be built from "scratch." Luck was on the side of the project—just enough new sash that had been in storage a long long time was found in one of the stores in Marlinton. Window panes can of course be cut, so that was no problem.

The next undertaking was to get the work done. It sometimes turns out to be very difficult to find someone to do the work even where there is money on hand to pay for it. As it happens one of the club member's husband is a carpenter; even though he is retired and does very little custom work, she persuaded him to do the work.

All new framing had to be installed in one window, and part on another before the new sash could be set in. Other repairs were made on framing and window panes replaced. It took several hours, but a good job was done. The carpenter made a liberal donation on a very reasonable labor bill.

How did we make the money to pay for the labor and materials? We sponsored a Community Square Dance at the Community Center, with a refreshment stand for the evening. There were home made candy, cookies, pies, also hot dogs and cokes. Enough money was taken in from this one venture to pay all bills with some left over.

We are lucky to have in our community a musical group, called the "Quadreelers," who made the music for the Square Dance.

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# The Auldridges

The other day Mrs Mary Auldridge Harper, of Hillsboro, came in for to inquire what all I remember of what I had been told of her father's family, the Auldridges. I was honest enough to confess that my knowledge along most any line was scattering, few in the bill, far apart and thin in places.

Any way, here is the line of descent of the lady. William Auldridge was a native of England. His widowed mother, Elizabeth, brought him to America, prior to the year 1800. The tradition is he was ten or twelve years old. He grew up on the Johnson Place, Jerico Road, near Marlinton.

William married Mary Cochran She was a daughter of Thomas Cochran, a native of the north of Ireland. Her mother was named Mackemie, from Augusta County. The Cochrans lived at the Fred Ruckman place, near Mill Point. The Auldridges went to house keeping at Bridger Notch, near where the Bridgers Brothers, John and James, were bushwhacked by the Indians, 1784. The homestead is still held by an Auldridge, Dr Sandy, great grandson of Pioneer William Auldridge.

One of the six sons of William and Mary Cochran Auldridge was Samuel. He married Miriam Barlow, daughter of John and Martha Waddell Barlow.

Their son was William, who married Effie Pennell. Their daughter is Mrs Mary Auldridge Harper, who visited me the other day. She is the widow of the late Harry Harper.

Charlotte was Catherine II, Empress of Russia. On one such visit, the lady in waiting received the salesman with an engagement to show the Empress ware of a maker of fine pottery. The young tradesman showing the ware to the royal customer was named Aldrich. At a guess, his name might have been William. When Elizabeth and William saw each other, it was love at first sight.

And what a tempest it all did raise. We of this generation remember how a king of England got himself dethroned for hooking up with a commoner. A century and a half ago, the divine rights of kings and courtiers was not the silly pretense and sham George Washington and Company, Unlimited, showed it to be.

Anyway, William and Elizabeth were married. Elizabeth was dropped from the queen's list of ladies in waiting. She was disowned by her family. They seemed to feel their name was dishonored when she would marry her true love.

Auldridge was fired off the job, for presuming to marry above and beyond his station in life.

In the course of a few years, marked by unemployment, privation and discouragement, the husband sickened and died. He left a young widow and their son, William.

Mrs Auldridge made strong resolve that her son should grow up in the free land of America, where men are on equal footing before the Lord and before the law.

But, the passage money for the six weeks' of a sea voyage?

However, there was the indentured servant statute. Under it

the late 1790's. He needed a governess with an education for a house full of children. Such a treasure was to be found occasionally at the auctions of indentured servants in Richmoad. So, John Johnson took a string of young horses, packed with products of plantation and country side, and hied away on the 200 mile journey to Richmond, on a trading trip. At the auction of indentured servants he bid in the widow Auldridge and her son, William. He brought her and the boy back to Jericho Farms. Later, he married her.

Mrs Johnson lived to see two of her husband's grandsons elected to the United States Senate—Senator Ewing, of Ohio, and Senator Farnsworth, of West Virginia. Both were born on Jericho Farms.

It could well be added here that a Stevenson married into this Ewing family connection. So, in their line, we have had an Adlai Ewing Stevenson as Vice President of the United States, and the chance is good that another Adlai Ewing Stevenson will be elected President of the United States. And so mote it be.

Here in the Endless Mountains we all have the saying that to make gentleman out a man, you must begin with his grand mother. Seems like here is a case where a step grand mother played this good part.

**MRS NANNETTE R. ANTHONY**  
Mrs. Nannette Roudabush Anthony, wife of Wilbur P. Anthony, prominent Harrisonburg realtor, died at 8:30 Thursday morning at the Huffer Nursing Home near Staunton.

A daughter of the late David R. and Emily Roudabush, she was born in Bath County where she spent the early years of her life. She was a devout member of

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**K. E. ARGENBRIGHT**

Oliver Kermit Argenbright, of near Greenville, died Monday night at 9:45 o'clock in King's Daughters' Hospital, where he had been a patient two days.

A native and lifelong resident of Augusta County, he was born July 9, 1905, a son of Emmett G. Argenbright and Mrs. Virginia Riddle Argenbright.

For a number of years Mr. Argenbright was a contract truck operator and in recent years had operated a plant farm. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Moran Argenbright; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Bowers, Staunton, and two granddaughters.

A funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in St. Paul's E. U. B. Church, conducted by the Rev. David F. Glover and the Rev. John R. Sawyer. Interment will be in Thornrose Cemetery.

**J. E. ARBOGAST**

With the passing of Mr. John Edwin Arbogast last Thursday, May 6, Highland County lost one of its most beloved and colorful citizens. He was the son of the late John W. and Amanda Hansel Arbogast.

Mr. Ed, as he was affectionately known, was born in Monterey in 1871. His father was serving as sheriff at the time. As a consequence, he first saw light of day in the brick building which houses the jail and he always startled visitors by telling them he was born in the county jail.

In 1902 he married Miss Margaret Gilmore of Churchville, who survives him. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. John A. Forbes, Jr., a sister, Miss Sallie Belle Arbogast, and two grandchildren, Patricia Crawford and John; also eight nephews and a niece.

Mr. Arbogast served as deputy sheriff under his brother, Emory.

or of Monterey and served one term. He was appointed county Democratic chairman in 1932 and continued throughout the entire Roosevelt administration, succeeding the late Mr. Lloyd Sullenberger. He succeeded the late Mr. E. B. Jones, Sr., as a member of the state central democratic committee.

Mr. Arbogast was known throughout the Seventh District for his staunch and unwavering support of the Democratic administration and his whole-hearted patriotic services during World War II, working with selective service and bond drives.

He was given a 50 year Masonic membership pin by the Highland Lodge 110, A. F. and A. M. four years ago and the Warm Springs Royal Arch, No. 53 recently awarded him a Royal Arch Chapter pin for being the oldest member of the chapter. He had been a member for 48 years. He was also a member of the Stevenson Commandery, No. 8, and the Acca Temple Shrine.

Mr. Ed introduced the blackfaced Suffolk sheep into the county and also raised purebred Hereford cattle. He was one of the largest land owners in this section. In addition to his farming interests, he was also extensively engaged in the lumber business.

He will best be remembered for his loyalty to his friends; his kindness to everybody; his zest for life; his ever present sense of humor; his civic mindedness; and his courage in the face of great suffering.

Funeral services were held at the Monterey Methodist Church Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. H. Warren Landis and the Rev. A. E. Johnson, officiating. The church was filled to overflowing with his friends, and the many lovely floral tributes. Interment was in the

**Mrs. Lelia J. Hull Arbogast**

Mrs. Lelia J. Hull Arbogast, aged 82 years, widow of the late Wardell H. Arbogast, died on Friday, April 15, 1955, of a heart attack in an Elkins hospital. She had been in failing health for some time. A few days before her death she had suffered a broken hip in a fall.

On Monday afternoon the funeral service was held from the Marlinton Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. Don Taylor. Her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, with Eastern Star rites.

The deceased was a daughter of the late W. H. and Rachel Curry Hull. Her sister is Mrs. Grace Hull Yeager, of Marlinton. She became the wife of Wardell H. Arbogast, who preceded her six years since. Their son is Warren Arbogast, of Marlinton.

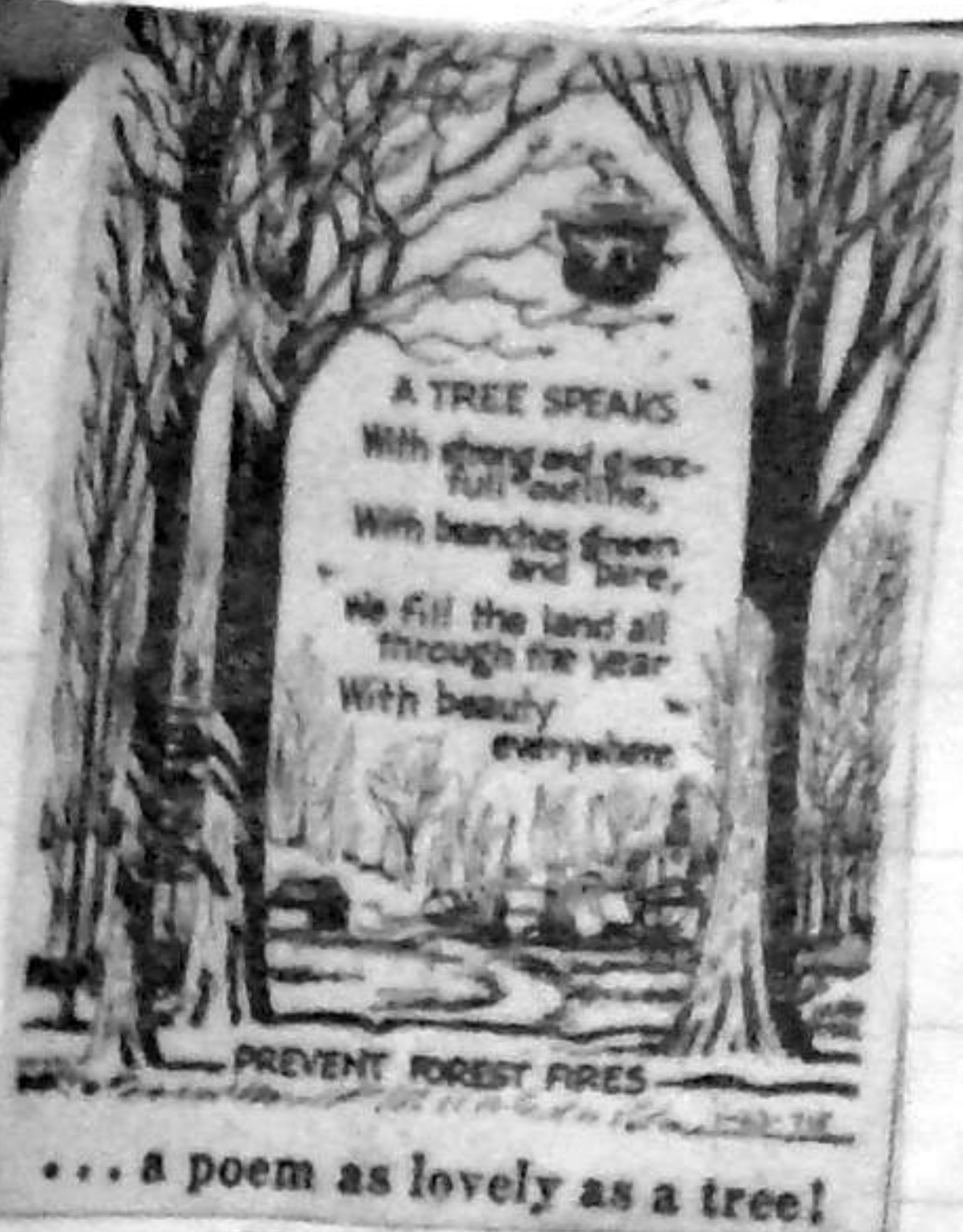
**OLIVER H. ALMARODE**

Oliver H. Almarode, 78, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hampton at 12:30 a. m. Sunday, after being a patient there since March 17, 1949. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. 8-1-1954

Born near Greenville on May 18, 1876, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Almarode. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sarah C. Blackwell of Hamburg, N. Y., and Mrs. Ida O. Thomas of Route 2, Staunton, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The body will be taken to the home of a niece, Mrs. J. W. McLearn of Jollivue, Route 2, Staunton, Wednesday morning. A funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert V. Mays at St. John's Reformed Church near Middlebrook.

Active pallbearers will be Lloyd Strickler, Ray Hays, Donald McLearn, Edward Thomas, Bobby Thomas, and W. R. McLearn. Honorary bearers will be R. L. Thomas, George W. Cleek, Har-



THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1963

## 100 Years Ago

Camp near Hagerstown,  
Maryland, July 9, 1863

Wm. S. Bruffey,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter from father which I send for your satisfaction.

We have had a warm time in this quarter of the country for several days past and looking for more.

General Ewell penetrated the North as far as the city of York, Pennsylvania which we occupied about two days, when we were ordered to fall back toward Gettysburg, July 1. When within about five miles of that place, Gen. Ewell commenced driving the enemy; being on the left which resulted in a complete victory. The enemy retreating to the heights of Gettysburg. On the second General Hill and Ewell fought him in his fort, victorious but did not succeed in holding them after taking them. On the third General Longstreet charged his fortifications and gained there but could not hold them, in consequence of a single Brigade failing to do its duty. On the night of the 31st

There has not been any action taken in my case yet and won't if it can be avoided though I am yet contending. If I could get to Col. Wm. L. Jackson's command I would give it up and leave this regiment, which I cannot do unless I could get a commission in his command. There is no chance to get a transfer from this army. Probably if you see Colonel Jackson and represent the matter to him he would secure me a commission to raise a company for his command; if not, one in the service

There are also three others in our company who want to get to his command, Charles Gibson, N. D. Reges, and Jas L. Binbridge; if there is no other chance we want you to have us commissioned on the grounds that we resign as soon as we get to that command. Do what you can for us.

I am well at this time. I had a hot time in the last battle but did not get touched. I fought it one hour with a Yanky sharp shooter distant 100 yards apart you may judge there was shaving done. I silenced his piece.

Write to D. V. Kuckman and let him know that I am safe. Lt. Wilfong was wounded in the arm, Lt. Beverage killed.

Write to me soon; give my respects to all the boys.

Respectfully Yours  
R. W. Bruffey

MARCH 14, 1913

H. B. Wood is taking orders for frost-proof cabbage plants. By planting them you can eat cabbage at least a month longer.

Richard Harding Crummett and Miss Mary Lou Hevener were married Wednesday in Washington. Mrs. Crummett is the daughter of the late Squire Hevener of Highland's famed Blue Grass Valley and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crummett, formerly of Monterey and now of Staunton. He is a graduate of VPI. The couple spent Monday night at Monterey Hotel and went to their home in Crabbottom the next day.

The way to save money is to have your harness made at H. I. Trimble's shop in Monterey, opposite the Recorder office.

The Bargain Harness Shop is operated in New Hampden by A. K. Evick.

C. C. Burns of Back Creek was in Monterey Wednesday night.

Henry Fleisher of Forks of Waters, has purchased an interest in the mercantile business of F. M. Trimble & Co. from which R. M. Trimble of this place recently withdrew.

Robert Matheny has been confined to his home by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss Phoebe Ralston and Pinckney Ralston, both of the McDowell area, were married at the Methodist parsonage at McDowell by the Rev. H. A. Wilson.

A. C. Herold and Miss Margaret Carter of Mill Gap were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitelaw Sunday.

## Do You Remember???



# Mrs. E. M. Arbogast

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1900, aged 19 years, 9 months, 2 days. His friends had great hopes of his recovery, until the day before his death. He remarked to his father, "I will not be with you long; the Lord is calling for me."

All was done for him that skillful physicians and loving friends could do, and in the darkness of night came the messenger with the summons: Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!

He departed this life, shouting: Glory to the Lamb that was slain! I'm going home to die no more! He then lay back in his father's arms, as peaceful as a babe,—the angels had wafted his spirit to him who gave it. "Asleep in Jesus!"—blessed thought; in that sleep so calm and peaceful, he will never know sorrow again.

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noon Saturday, December 29, at the First Methodist Church in Sutton. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Randolph of Sutton, and cousin of Rep. Jennings Randolph of Elkins, W. Va., congressman from the second district.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. L. L. Reckart, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

The former Miss Randolph is a graduate of Sutton High School and has been active in 4-H Club work and in Methodist Youth Fellowship activities. She has been employed in the Sutton office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for several years.

Mr. Atkins also graduated from Sutton High School and was attending West Virginia Wesleyan College at the time of his induction into service in January, 1943. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. While in service, Cpl. Atkins was a member of an anti-aircraft unit. He went overseas in July 1943, and was stationed in the British Isles before taking part in the invasion of France. He participated in

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five children.



The death of a young minister, just entering upon a life of usefulness, comes to us always with a special touch of sorrow. So comes to us the news from West Virginia of the death of one who has been in the ministry less than three years. A correspondent writes to us, May 11: 1895.

Rev. Edgar Floyd Alexander, pastor of Liberty, Baxter and Frost churches, died after a very short sickness, but of great suffering, caused by stricture of the bowels. He was sick but eight days.

On Sunday, April 28, he had started out fill an appointment at one of his preaching points. He was taken sick on the way and returned as far as the home of Mr. J. R. Warwick, where he died surrounded by many of the friends he had made during his labors in that field.

This brother was ordained by the Presbytery of Greenbrier at the fall meeting of 1892. He was much beloved by his people, and they are sorely bereaved in the loss of their shepherd. The news of his death comes with a shock to his fellow presbyters who saw him so recently at the spring meeting of Presbytery in apparent good health and were moved by his earnest invitation to appoint the fall meeting of Presbytery in the Liberty church.

His remains were laid to rest in the Liberty churchyard, where he being dead will yet speak for the gos-

conveyed from this 120 acre tract to make the deal between 1800 and 1812, as that was the duration of his ownership of the land.

This 18 acre part of the Cemetery: the division line passing through the Cemetery near the walk to the Hannah plat.

Still quoting from Bath County records, on June 4, 1812, Jacob Rumbaugh conveyed to James Talman 107 acres, the remaining part of the 120 acre tract. This embraces all the old part of the Cemetery.

The title to the old part of the Cemetery, for a duration of 19 years, rested in James Talman: until July 5th, 1831. On that date James Talman conveyed to Benjamin Talman, George Burner and James Wooddell, Trustees, of the Deer Creek Union Congregation, and their successors forever, by meets and bounds, one acre, one rood and thirty-four poles. This lot was for the old church, and was called the Meeting House thereafter. The north west corner of the lot calls for "two oak saplings north of the graveyard." This is proof the Cemetery was there prior to 1831.

The 13 acre tract, which embraces the new Arbogast addition to the Cemetery, was consolidated with 107 acres of the Thomas Jarvis Survey, to make 120 acres. The Old Meeting House lot calls for a common line with James McKeamy, but there is no record available to show that James McKeamy ever owned the tract in fee. He may have acquired it in the way of barter and no record made of the transaction.

Deed Book No. 2, page 81, records that on March 8th, 1833, James Talman, Executor of Jacob Gillispie, conveyed this 13 acres to James K. Rider. Rider conveys to Rebecca Monroe: she to James W. Gillispie, March 12th, 1836; Deed Book No. 2, page 427.

James W. Gillespie conveyed the tract to Patrick Bruffey; he to James Bruffey; he to David M. Maupin; he, on December 1, 1855 conveyed to Adam Arbogast 52 acres of the 120 acres. From Adam Arbogast to C. C. Arbogast, R. J. Arbogast, O. G. Arbogast.

to make the deal between 1800 and 1812, as that was the duration of his ownership of the land.

It has been told that James Tallman had the church built upon his own land, if this be true he didn't own the land until after 1812.

The organization of the Deer Creek Union church, which was Presbyterian and Methodist, appears to be the year of 1804, and the church was erected about the time the organization was perfected. The first session of the Presbyterians bearing date of June 12, 1820, calls this organization "The Union Church of Christ of Bath County," and met at the house of Joseph Wooddell, to consult the interest of the Church, and revive it if thought advisable. At this meeting, Joseph Wooddell and Daniel Kerr, consented to act as in their former capacity as Ruling Elders. The purpose of this meeting goes to show that the Church had existed long before the date of 1820. The Log Church or "Meeting House" as it was called, was of medium size, stood east and west, fronting to the east; the pulpit was very high and the gallery was carried to near the center of the building, making room for a congregation on the upper floor, and one on the first floor.

After the erection of Liberty Church and the Church at Greenbank, the people would go back to the Old Meeting House and hold their Camp meetings. The last camp meeting was held in 1858. When the Confederate soldiers were encamped on Top Alleghany in 1861, they came down and removed all the ceiling from the old church to ceil some of their winter cabins. The Old church stood until the year of 1866 when it was blown down by a wind storm. The day it fell Brown M. Arbogast had gone inside and cut some kindling from one of the cross beams.

This was a great meeting place in the pioneer days of the church.

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### Church Register 113 Years Ago

Joseph Wooddell, Daniel Kerr Benjamin Talman, A. G. Mathew Robt. McCutcheon, James Cooper, Polly Kerr, William Gibson Isabel Gibson, Mahala McElwee James A. Price, Margaret D Price, Mrs Adam Sharp, Miss Shirat, John White.

Edward Ervin, Mrs Ervin, Mr and Mrs Gay, Andrew A. Gatewood, Henry M. Moffett, Paul McNeel, Ophilis Beal, Robert Curry, John McElwee, John Moore, Benj. F. Ervin, James W. Gillispie, James F. Hartman James A. Ervin, John F. Cooper Marsey Williams, Peter Wimbecner, John Galford, Adam Kerr,

Nancy McLaughlin, Mary Wimbrener, Elizabeth Potts, Jane McLaughlin, Margaret Hartman, Margaret Sharp, Kessiah Hudson, Mary A. Ervin, Susan Nottingham, Jane Sheets, Nancy Hartman, Rachel Dysard, Delila Winbrenner, William Dysard.

John Potts, Samuel Potts, Jane Potts, Abram Hill (col.) Nancy

Cooper, John Slaven, Richard Hudson, Nancy Hudson, John Yeager, Thomas Bradshaw, Nancy Bradshaw, Jane Gammon, Robert Kerr, Eliza Ann Kerr, William Slaven, Margaret Slaven, Elizabeth McCutcheon, Margaret Ruckman, Hugh McLaughlin, Ann Kerr.

Andrew G. Mathews, Boon Talman, Wm. Givens, Mrs Givens, Mary Mathews, Solomon Conrad, Mrs Conrad, William Arbogast, Jane Arbogast, Mrs Anna Bruffey, Mrs Jane Dysard, James H. Cooper.

### WILLIAM ANTHONY DIES SUDDENLY IN BALTIMORE

Nov. 19, 1951-

William Anthony, a former resident of Strasburg, died suddenly at his home in Baltimore, Md., Monday night following a fall on the basement steps.

Mr. Anthony, who was a sales representative for Ginn and Company, schoolbook publishers, and a past District Governor of Rotary, was

April 6, 1806, Jacob Rumbaugh conveys to Jacob Gillespie 13 acres from this 120 acre tract. This 18 acre transfer embraces all of the new part of the Cemetery; the division line passing through the Cemetery near the walk to the Hannah plat.

Still quoting from Bath County records, on June 4, 1812, Jacob Rumbaugh conveyed to James Talman 107 acres, the remaining part of the 120 acre tract. This embraces all the old part of the Cemetery.

The title to the old part of the Cemetery, for a duration of 19 years, rested in James Talman; until July 5th 1831. On that

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ing House thereafter. The north west corner of the lot calls for "two oak saplings north of the grayeyard." This is proof the Cemetery was there prior to 1831.

The 13 acre tract, which embraces the new Arbogast addition to the Cemetery, was consolidated with 107 acres of the Thomas Jarvis Survey, to make 120 acres. The Old Meeting House lot calls for a common line with James McKeamy, but there is no record available to show that James McKeamy ever owned the tract in fee. He may have acquired it in the way of barter and no record made of the transaction

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veys to Rebecca Monroe, she to James W. Gillispie, March 12th, 1836; Deed Book No. 2, page 427.

James W. Gillespie conveyed the tract to Patrick Bruffey; he to James Bruffey; he to David M. Maupin; he, on December 1, 1855 conveyed to Adam Arbogast 52 acres of the 120 acres. From Adam Arbogast to C. C. Arbogast, R. J. Arbogast, O. G. Arbogast.

The reason that the Cemetery was located at this particular place is that was the church yard of the Deer Creek Union Meeting House. This was the first church erected in the eastern end of Pocahontas County. The exact date

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mittee. If that be true, he had to make the deal between 1800 and 1812, as that was the duration of his ownership of the land.

It has been told that James Tallman had the church built upon his own land, if this be true he didn't own the land until after 1812.

The organization of the Deer Creek Union church, which was Presbyterian and Methodist, appears to be the year of 1804, and the church was erected about the time the organization was perfected. The first session of the Presbyterians bearing date of June 12, 1820, calls this organization "The Union Church of Christ

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